

learning about the risks and ways to manage and control the disease; giving of our time and resources to advance diabetes research.

Let's all make an effort to learn about the dangers of diabetes and best prevention practices, let's celebrate, and indeed, let's bring a greater awareness to this terrible disease.

HONORING ATLANTIS STS-129 FLIGHT CREW

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, Godspeed to Michael Foreman. It seems like a short time ago we were offering Godspeed to John Glenn. Mr. Foreman is among six members of the space shuttle Atlantis STS-129 flight team which earlier today blasted off at 2:28, took off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral to begin an 11-day mission making repairs to the international space station. The crew includes: Mission Specialist Michael Foreman, Commander Charles Hobough, Pilot Barry Wilmore and other Mission Specialists Randy Bresnik, Leland Melvin, and Robert Satcher, Jr.

As a mission specialist aboard this flight, Michael Foreman, from Wadsworth, Ohio, in my district, will participate in two of the mission's three space walks where he will install exterior equipment on the International space station. However, Mr. Foreman is no stranger to space travel. He has logged more than 380 hours in space and completed three previous space walks in other NASA missions.

For his commitment to America's leadership and space exploration, Michael Foreman is a hometown hero, and he brings great pride to the city of Wadsworth and the 16th District. Please join me in wishing him and all members of the Atlantis STS-129 crew the best of luck on this important mission and a safe return on November 27.

STILL INDECISIVE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, here we are after Veterans Day still indecisive. Our soldiers continue to fight in Afghanistan. Winter is setting in. The commander of our Afghan forces laid out the plan to defeat al Qaeda and their Taliban terrorist pals. General McChrystal says he needs more troops to defeat the terrorists. The response has been months of indecision, doubt and delays that have encouraged the enemy. Losing Afghanistan to radical terrorists hangs in the balance.

So what's the holdup? Vietnam taught us that wars can't be won with political posturing. We owe our troops a commitment to winning when we put them into the valley of the gun.

Churchill once said, "As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us." It is that dogged determination, the will to win that is essential to victory and freedom's cause.

The courage and capability of America's fighting men and women are unequalled anywhere in the world. The only thing capable of defeating our military is politics.

And that's just the way it is.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ARES ROCKET

(Mr. GRIFFITH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize yet another achievement by north Alabama's Marshall Space Flight Center. Last week, Time magazine named NASA's Ares rocket as the best invention of 2009. We have seen time and again that tireless work and flawless execution breeds brilliant results, and that is exactly what we have seen out of the short history of Ares.

A few weeks after an impressive and successful test-flight, Ares received this review from Time magazine, calling the project "the best and smartest thing built in 2009." The review of Ares said that the finest moments from our space program come when bureaucrats give the designers a clean sheet of drafting paper and let them dream. Our brilliant men and women in the American space program can do just that if they receive the funding they need to bring manned space flight to the outer reaches of our universe.

This recognition and the recent Ares flight further prove that the Constellation program is exactly what our country needs—a safe, innovative, affordable, sustainable human space flight exploration vehicle.

WARNINGS FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, lately we have heard from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services about the Pelosi health care reform measure. Their 31-page actuarial report, released over the weekend, reads that the bill would increase costs over the next 10 years by \$289 billion.

This is not a partisan report. It comes from the people who run the Medicare and Medicaid systems in the country. They warn that the provisions of the bill could lead to doctors and hospitals turning away Medicare patients.

They warn that some 18 million Americans will choose to pay a much lower fine than buy expensive health insurance coverage, because when they

get sick and truly need insurance, they can buy it, since they won't be turned down for preexisting conditions.

They warn that a crush of new patients would shock the system.

They warn that the plan to cut more than \$500 billion from future Medicare spending would sharply reduce benefits for some seniors and could jeopardize access to care for millions of others.

CMS should not have to issue warnings about the impact of a major piece of legislation that promises to change our entire system of health care and make it worse.

NEWSWEEK WINS LAPDOG AWARD AGAIN

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for the second time in a row, Newsweek is the winner of the Media Fairness Caucus' highly uncoveted "Lapdog Award" for last week's most glaring example of media bias.

The poster to my left of Newsweek's cover story features former Vice President Al Gore with the caption, "The Thinking Man's Thinking Man." The previous Newsweek cover featured President Obama with the caption, "Yes He Can," a variation of his campaign slogan. Before that, it was Vice President JOE BIDEN, "A Vice President to be Reckoned With." And Newsweek's latest cover features Governor Sarah Palin and says she is, "Bad News." It is no wonder five out of six Americans say the national media are biased, according to a recent public opinion poll.

If you want the liberal slant, read Newsweek. If you want the facts and news, you might want to look elsewhere.

WHY, MR. PRESIDENT?

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to protest the misguided decision by President Obama and his Attorney General to bring Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four terrorist suspects from Guantanamo Bay to New York City.

What an insult to the memory of those who lost their lives. The very man who masterminded that attack now will get his fondest wish. When he was captured on the battlefield, he said, Let me go to New York, and let me have my attorney. He will have his attorney. He will be in New York, just a stone's throw from the site of death by he and his compatriots.

What reason could we possibly have to bring them to the United States? Why, Mr. President, why, when we have Guantanamo, when we have military tribunals that are not only capable but

specifically provided to take care of those who would kill Americans on the battlefield? For what reason are we doing this?

Why, Mr. President? Why, Mr. President? Why?

TRY THE TERRORISTS IN GUANTANAMO, NOT NEW YORK CITY

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, to follow up on my friend from California, he is exactly right. There is no good reason for bringing the most dangerous terrorists and terrorist organizers to the most densely populated area in our country. Those of us who have logistically been involved in setting up trials know that every bailiff, every guard, every person involved in the justice system will be at risk, as will their families.

So we know that every President brings their own kinds of experience to the office. This President does not have justice experience. He doesn't have military experience. He doesn't have foreign affairs experience. He doesn't have domestic affairs experience. He doesn't have community organizing experience, and that will be invaluable in organizing the communities in New York to get them off the island after the terrorists move in during the trial.

COSTS SOAR IN PELOSI'S TAKEOVER BILL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the nonpartisan, independent experts at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS, released their analysis of the Pelosi takeover. I would like to say it was shocking, but I already had my suspicions that the government takeover of health care was going to cost much more than claimed. The independent report this weekend exposes the truth and the real cost.

The report shows that the Pelosi takeover will increase health care costs by \$289 billion. This discredits all the assertions we have heard about how a 2,000-page bill, the \$1.3 trillion health care bill, will somehow lower costs. This health care takeover will violate this administration's promise to "bend the cost curve." It will add more than a dime to the deficit and kill jobs.

There are better alternatives that Congress should consider, like H.R. 3400, that will lower health care costs for families and small businesses while creating jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. Mass murderers should be tried at

Guantanamo Bay, not in New York City.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SENDING MORE TROOPS IS NOT THE ANSWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, Matthew Hoh, a former Marine captain, recently resigned his job as U.S. Government reconstruction official in Afghanistan. In his letter of resignation, he criticized the American strategy in Afghanistan. He said the presence of large numbers of U.S. troops is making the insurgency stronger because it makes the Afghan people see America as an occupying power, a power that must be opposed.

Now, before anybody accuses Captain Hoh of being a long-haired hippie peacenik, keep in mind that he fought with distinction in Iraq before serving in Afghanistan. He believes in the American military. He supports it with all his heart.

□ 1930

In fact, he says that "no nation has ever known a more dedicated military as the U.S. Armed Forces. The performance of our troops," he says, "is unmatched."

But he also, Madam Speaker, believes that no military force has ever been given such a complex mission as the U.S. military has received in Afghanistan.

Captain Hoh is right. Our troops have been given an impossible job, and now we are seeing the tragic results. Over 1,000 American troops have been wounded in battle in just the past 3 months. That accounts for one-fourth of all the casualties we've taken since the war began in October 2001.

Think about it. The war has been going on for 97 months in Afghanistan, and one-fourth of all the casualties have been suffered in just the last 3 months.

Things have gotten so bad, Madam Speaker, in fact, that the casualty rate in Afghanistan is now actually higher than the casualty rate for American troops at the height of the violence in Iraq. And the spike in the casualty rate occurred after the administration sent 21,000 more troops to Afghanistan in the hope that there is a military solution to the problem.

But relying on military power alone has not done the job, and escalating the war now by sending in tens of thousands more troops won't solve the problem either.

That's why I am calling on President Obama to change our mission in Af-

ghanistan. I have urged him to devote most of our efforts on humanitarian aid, diplomacy, and economic development. These are the elements of "SMART Security." They'll do a much better job of stabilizing Afghanistan than a heavy military footprint.

Without this change in strategy, our troops are likely to face worse, not better, situations. The enemy is learning how to use IEDs more efficiently. Lieutenant Thomas Metz, the director of the Pentagon's effort to reduce IED casualties, has acknowledged that sending more troops to Afghanistan will likely mean more IED deaths and injuries, which include spinal cord damage, traumatic brain injuries, and amputations.

So I urge the administration to move in a new and a different direction for the sake of our country and for the sake of America's troops and their families. And I urge every Member of the House to listen to the words of Matthew Hoh, who wrote the following to a State Department official:

"I trust you understand the sacrifices made by so many thousands of military families whose homes bear the fractures, upheavals, and scars of multiple deployments. Thousands of our men and women have returned home with wounds, some that will never heal. The dead return only in bodily form to be received by families who must be assured that their dead have sacrificed for a purpose worthy of futures lost."

Madam Speaker, the casualty rate in Afghanistan is unacceptable. Continuing the same policies that put our brave troops at risk is unthinkable. That's why it's time to put SMART Security to work in a place where military power alone just isn't the answer.

THE TRIAL OF KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the 9/11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four of his terrorist buddies are getting a trip to New York City to be tried in Federal court for their crimes against America.

Some of the other terrorists, however, are being tried in military courts. So why are we trying Mohammed in Federal court in the United States? Why aren't we treating them all alike, treating them all the same? Is it different strokes for different folks? It appears to be so. So why are these five special individuals being treated this way and brought to the United States for trial?

Military tribunals throughout history have always been used to try captured enemies on the battlefield. They have different rules and standards for evidence and interrogation, and the military courts make allowances for these basic differences. And tribunals